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Veterinary care is provided for private pets at the veterinary Treatment Facility by appointment. All domestic pets must be registered. There is no charge for registration. To report stray animals, contact the Military Police at 767-2822. For information about pet registration, clinics or stray animal adoption, call 767-4194.

Special Olympics...

Volunteers are needed for the Spring Special Olympics. This one day event is a rewarding way to provide assistance to someone who needs a helping hand. Everyone is invited to volunteer as “Huggers/Pay on the Backers.” At least 500 volunteers are needed. The Special Olympics will be Apr. 8 (rain date: Apr. 22) at the Quick Track. Volunteer registration will be 7:30 - 8 a.m. followed by orientation and then the start of the games. Lunch is provided for the volunteers. For more information, call 767-5058/5059.

546th MPs...

The 546th Military Police Company was recently activated during a ceremony held at Marne Garden on Fort Stewart. The company will be operational and home stationed at Fort Stewart. Story in next week's Frontline

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Com links oversight, provided by G-6

Pfc. James Tamez
19thDet. Public Affairs

A unit's ability to communicate with higher headquarters and friendly units on today's battlefield is essential for victory and survival. The mission of the 24th Infantry Division G6 at Fort Stewart, Ga., is to maintain communications and oversee the communications train-up of the 48th Brigade Combat Team as they prepare for deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom later this year.

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Pfc. James Tamez
Pfc. Corey White, G-6, 24th Infantry Div., inspects computer equipment. G-6 maintains the networking equipment for 24th ID providing training, oversight and maintenance assistance on communication equipment used by the 48th Brigade Combat Team.



New medical care clinic set to open on Monday

Laurie Kemp
Winn Public Affairs

The Troop and Family Medical Care Clinic will open for business Mar. 21, taking the place of the three smaller Soldier Family Health Clinics scattered across Fort Stewart. The new full-service facility includes laboratory, radiology, pharmacy and optometry services.

Effective Mar. 21, sick-call will be held at the clinic beginning at 6:30 a.m. Services at SFHC #3 will be limited to sick-call from 6:30 - 8 a.m. Mar. 18 in preparation for the opening. The clinic is located on the corner of Lindquist Ave., Bldg. 412, next to Heritage Bank. Effective Mar. 21, the clinic information desk can be reached at 370-5364.



Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., commander, Task Force Baghdad, stand with newly-reenlisted Soldiers Sgt. Brian Tumey, Sgt. Erin Debaun and Spc. Nigel Griffin in the 3rd Infantry Division headquarters Mar. 14.

JCS Chairman A.F. Gen. Myers visits 3ID, re-enlists ID Soldiers

Spc. Emily J. Wilsoncroft
Task Force Baghdad

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq — Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, paid a visit to 3rd Infantry Division headquarters and Soldiers here Mar. 14. With Myers were Lt. Gen. Walter L. Sharp, DJ-5, Paul W. Hanley, STATCOM director, and Col. Rodney Anderson, executive officer. In attendance from the division's command group were Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., Task Force Baghdad commanding general, Col. Larry Burch, Chief of Staff; Col. William Hudson, Staff Judge Advocate. Also from the 3rd Infantry Division were Col. Robert Grymes, effects coordinator; Lt. Col. Ronald Frost, personnel officer in

charge; Lt. Col. Robert Taylor, intelligence officer in charge; Lt. Col. Jonathan Charlton, operations and plans officer in charge; Lt. Col. Roy Tunnage, logistics officer in charge; Maj. Thomas Whitaker, civil affairs officer in charge; and Lt. Col. Francis Huber, communications officer in charge. Webster briefed Myers about some 3rd Inf. Div. accomplishments since arriving in Iraq. Afterwards, Webster introduced Myers to 2nd Lt. Jeremiah Weiker, 36th Engineer Group. Weiker and other 36th Engineer Group Soldiers then gave a demonstration of the Ironclaw, the Buffalo and other engineer achievements, giving Myers the opportunity to climb inside the vehicle and check it out for himself. After the demonstration, Myers headed

inside the division main headquarters building to swear in three Marne Soldiers who had chosen to re-enlist that evening: Sgt. Brian Tumey, Headquarters and Headquarters Operations Company, Special Troops Battalion; Spc. Nigel Griffin and Sgt. Erin Debaun, both of Headquarters Support Company, 92nd Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy). All three of the re-enlisting Soldiers are Operation Iraqi Freedom I veterans. After the swearing-in ceremony, Myers presented Webster with a plaque as a symbol of his appreciation, and on his way, out, paused to take a photo with his team in front of the 3rd Inf. Div. mascot, “Rocky,” the bulldog. “You’re doing a good job,” he said to Webster. “This is a great division.”

The process of elimination — first cordon, search area

Spc. Erin Robicheaux
256th Bde.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A long running joke in the United States Army is that the term “military intelligence” is a major oxymoron. However, the process of capturing insurgents, gathering information, and sending them through the legal system lays that claim to rest. The overall spectrum is not a small one, and it takes many elements and very different pieces

to come to the one common goal of getting the bad guys off of the streets. The personnel involved have various points of view, but in the end their goal is one in the same. “It all starts with targeting,” Col. Ronnie D. Johnson, deputy brigade commander, 256th Brigade Combat Team, said. oversees the targeting process and coordinates the seizure development, known as “cordon and search.” He says that the two main elements

are combat operations and the intelligence that is gathered on the target. “We round up as much information as we can from as many sources as we can,” he said, “Information can come from informants, people just coming up to us in the streets, or it can come from our commanding Division, or other higher sources.” Information is given to intelligence analysts who decipher it and determine who the target is. Staff Sgt. Chris

Hebert from Lafayette, La, is the Military Intelligence non-commissioned officer for 2nd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment, and says that no matter how much planning goes into an operation, it's the patrols on the ground that make or break the outcome. “We rely heavily on the patrols to bring back most of the information that we need to make the arrest,” he said, “and that's simply because they're out there and

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Maj. Web Wright

A mess at the mess hall...
(Left) Commando Brigade Soldiers waded through knee high floods to get to a dining facility at Camp Liberty, Iraq. (Right) Soldiers from 2-14 Inf. attempt to drive through the flooded parking lot near the dining facility. Three days of heavy rain left the camp severely flooded



Spc. Erin Robicheaux

The “cordon and search” operation by the 256th Brigade Combat Team netted a wide array of illegal weapons.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

‘Women change America’
March is Women’s History Month

National Women’s History Project

To address the absence of information about women in America’s schools, the National Women’s History Project led a movement to have Congress designate a celebration to recognize women’s historic achievements. The goal was to ensure that information about the myriad ways women have changed America would be part of our children’s education. In 1980, President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation calling on the American people to remember the contributions of women. By 1987, fourteen governors had declared March as Women’s History Month, and that same year, Congress and the President followed by declaring March as National Women’s History Month. This March, we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the multicultural women’s history movement. Designated by Joint Resolutions of the House and Senate and Proclamations by five American Presidents, March has become a huge opportunity for the nation to recognize women as a force in history.

This year’s theme, “Women Change America”, celebrates and honors the role of American women in transforming our culture, history, and politics. “Women Change America” also recognizes the 85th anniversary of women in the United States winning the right to vote. The purpose of women’s history is not to idealize women. On the contrary, the stories of women’s achievements present a full view of the complexity and contradiction of living a full and purposeful life.

Learning about the extraordinary achievements of women helps diminish the tendency to dismiss and trivialize who women are and what they accomplish. In celebrating women’s historic achievements, we present an authentic view of history. The knowledge of women’s history provides a more expansive vision of what a woman can do. This perspective can encourage girls and women to think larger and bolder and can give boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience.

How are our children —girls and boys alike —going to understand the importance of women to American culture and history if their education includes little or nothing about the significance of women’s contributions?

We know from research and from anecdotal studies that learning the stories of women’s success, talent, and accomplishments expands a sense of what is possible for girls and women. You can contact the National Women’s History Project by writing to, The National Women’s History Project, 3343 Industrial Dr., Suite 4, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, visiting Web site www.nwhp.org, or by calling (707) 636-2888.



Fort Stewart

The observance gives us a chance to learn more about an essential part of our history. The observance also gives us a chance to learn about another segment of our Army. By examining women’s contributions to our military and our nation, we increase our understanding of the world we live in and gain an appreciation for women as part of our combat team. Their contributions are intertwined with the Army’s rich history. Women are recognized among our nation’s leaders and innovators.

Today, at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, women serve with distinction as Soldiers at every level of command and in almost every career field. Here, in the Marne Division, our mission to deploy, fight and win demands that we recognize the true value and positive attributes of all people. By maintaining and encouraging an environment of fairness, we improve interaction with one another and consequently our overall quality of life. Our success as a Division depends upon the contributions and achievements of all Soldiers.

This year, the Fort Stewart Women’s History Observance will be Mar. 30 starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Education Center Auditorium, Bldg. 100. The guest speaker for the event will be Capt. Katresha Bailey, 260th Quartermaster, Assistant S-3.

Call (912) 767-5855 by Mar. 25 to RSVP for the event, or, e-mail obey-pa@stewart.army.mil.

Marne Voices

The Frontline

Readers respond to the question:

“What is your favorite reason for owning a pet?”

“ I wish I was as good as my pet thinks I am — they love you regardless.”



Jan Arrington
Directorate of Information Management



"Her mother says, "He plays with her all the time."

Nashalie Meledez, daughter of Jacqueline Melendez, with “Quincy”.

Safety issues become paramount

Marc McCormick
Managing Editor

People love statistics. Unfortunately, they also love urban legends. Put the two together and you get general confusion.

In the Global War on Terror, you can find almost any unofficial statistics you desire to make any point you wish. One of the most inflammatory is the statistic that deals with deaths.

Great ballyhoo is made from the fact that over 1,492 military personnel have made the supreme sacrifice in Iraq. But, as the eminent statistician and economist Walter Williams would ask, what does this really mean?

In spite of all the misconstruing perpetrated by the old media, the death statistics reflect several categories of actual causes.

It is true, as of this writing, that there have been 1,492 deaths as reported by the Defense Manpower Data Center Statistical Information Analysis Center. Here is the breakdown (as totals of all services) -

- KIA – 869
- Died of wounds – 248
- Died while missing in action – 7
- Died while captured – 2
- Total – 1,126

What happened to the other 366?

Going further in the examination, here’s what we find.

- Accident – 263
- Illness – 38
- Homicide – 6
- Self-inflicted – 32
- Undetermined – 1
- Pending – 26

These are the numbers as I found them March 11, 2005.

The focus here that I wish to draw your attention to is in the second block of casualties – accidents. Accidents comprise a significant percentage of the deaths resulting from OIF III.

What can we make of this?

Contrasts can help. In the first Gulf War there were 145 deaths attributed to “other causes.” In Vietnam, there were 10,799 (realizing the Vietnam Conflict lasted twelve years). Korea was a different type of conflict. The statistical column for the war only has an asterisk. World War II lists a huge number – 115,185 but that was out of 1,078,162 servicemen. World War I – 204,002. And so the story goes. The point should be obvious – you stand a greater chance of injury due to an accident rather than combat.

Safety, obviously, is something that is constantly stressed, and, even with the

emphasis the commands place on safety, these deaths still occur.

Recently on Fort Stewart we had a Soldier die while driving a military vehicle. A tragic loss. To his family, his unit and the Army. Could it have been prevented?

We may never truly know. We can theorize after the fact but it does not alter the conclusion – another young Soldier has died.

Looking at statistics doesn’t tell much really but our local Soldier has now become one.

The Frontline will be looking at traffic issues and construction issues. These are important matters that affect us right now, right here. Maybe our Soldier’s death could not have been prevented. However, we can try to raise the consciousness of everyone on post and who reads our paper that death does not just come from the battlefield.

When you take care and work safely, the life you are protecting is your own, and those around you. Some deaths seem so senseless. No one deserves that.

Over 55,000 people annually lose their lives on the nation’s highways. If they were battlefield deaths, the national response would be magnitudes of order greater than the reaction of the deaths associated with OIF. See a related story on Page 1B.

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Judy Coffman
with “Cody”
Wife of Retired Veteran



"Company for one thing — he's a lot of fun and loves to ride in the car."



"The loyalty and companionship she provides."

Capt. Patricia Rabiansky
Vet Services OIC

"Their companionship- My Yorkie is my mom's best friend."



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"He's my backyard buddy."

Cole Sheckells with “Pooch”
Father is deployed to Iraq

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Soldiers remember fallen comrades

Story and Photos by
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Task Force Baghdad

CAMP VICTORY, Baghdad — Soldiers gathered here Mar. 8 to celebrate the life of two fallen brothers in arms. Spc. Wai Phyto Lwin and Spc. Azhar Ali, 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment Headquarters Company scouts gave their lives in support of bringing democracy and peace to Iraq.

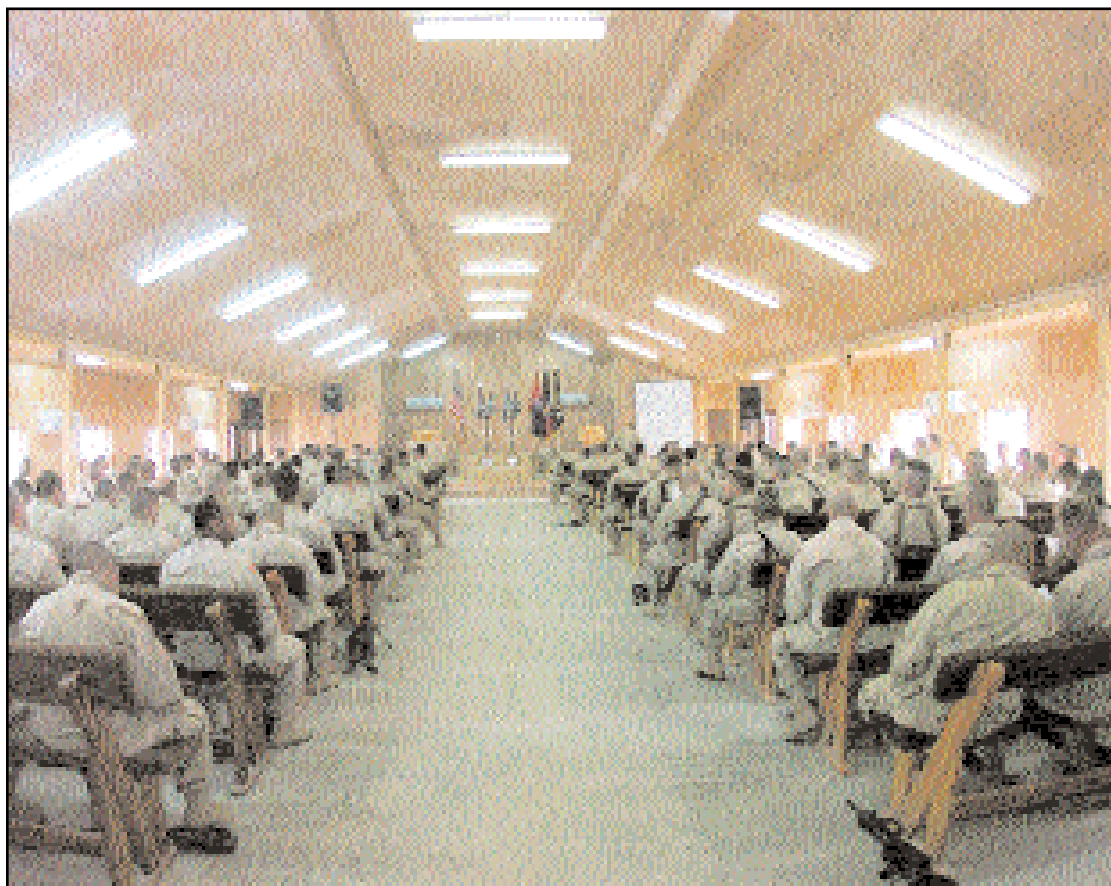
Lwin and Ali were both immigrants to the United States. Lwin, a Buddhist from Burma and Ali, a Muslim from Pakistan both loved being Soldiers and both felt that serving in the Army was the best way they could show they were Americans, said Cpt. Christopher Daniels, 1/69 IN Headquarters Company commander.

"They had the opportunity to bring freedom to a country that never had freedom," Daniels said.

"They know what this was like because of the lack of freedom from their childhood."

Both Soldiers served in the scout platoon of HHC and were inseparable friends.

Other members of their platoon said they were always



Soldiers gathered in Tigerland Chapel for a memorial ceremony to remember the lives of Spc. Wai Phyto Lwin and Spc. Azhar Ali.

seen together, whether they were eating, relaxing or preparing for the next mission.

"These guys were best of friends," said Sgt. Jason Olmo, HHC Co., 1/69 IN squad leader. "In life or death you could not separate these two."

Lt. Col. Geoffrey Slack,

1/69 IN commander said Lwin and Ali's bravery and courage exemplified the tradition of the "Fighting 69th." He read the "Rouge Bouquet", a poem Joyce Kilmer wrote after the 69th suffered their first multiple combat deaths during WWI.

...Comrades true, borne anew, peace to you!

Your souls shall be where the heroes are

And your memory shine like the morning-star.

*Brave and dear,
Shield us here.
Farewell!*



A Soldier touches the identification tags of Spc. Azhar Ali. Ali and Spc. Wai Phyto Lwin, both scouts, 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment were honored during a memorial ceremony Mar. 8.

Searching for IEDs — Regiment finds Iraqi explosives

Story and Photos by
Spc. Matthew Wester
100th MPAD

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — A group of Soldiers moves slowly along the side of a Baghdad road. They are alert as their eyes scan the sandy ground and dense undergrowth.

“We got wires!” a voice yells out, and the other troops quickly move to their armored vehicles.

They just found the biggest killer of American troops in Iraq — an improvised explosive device.

These Soldiers are members of the 1st Battalion, 13th Armored Regiment and 70th Engineers, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division. They conducted an IED sweep Mar. 7 along a stretch of highway known for being riddled with explosives.

“We protect this road because insurgents put out IEDs and try to get the convoys coming through,” said Capt. Greg Spencer, commander of Alpha Company, 1/13 Armor.

Spencer said four explosive devices were found on the road in the previous seven days.

At the beginning of the sweep, the troops dismounted from their M-113 armored personnel carriers and immediately searched the wreckage of a car bomb previously detonated by insurgents.

Gunners manned their turret-mounted M-240 Bravo machine guns as they watched for any sign of trouble.

Then, they fanned out and looked closely at the trash littering the shoulder of the road and the palm grove to their left.

The Soldiers know this ground very well and pay attention to every detail they can about their surroundings.

“They become very adept at it,” Spencer said, describing the skills of his team. “They know every crater.”

Those skills were put to the test when Sgt. Jonathan Wolford and Sgt. Joshua L. Jenkins, both combat engineers with 2nd Platoon, Alpha Company, 70th Engineers, came upon a hollow palm log resting near a small bridge recently repaired after being damaged by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device.

Jenkins stooped down,

looked into the log and saw something inside.

“I thought it was just trash,” Jenkins said. “Then I put two and two together and figured I found something.”

Jenkins called out to Wolford, who was looking in the same log from the other end.

“As soon as he said, ‘Sgt. Wolford, I saw red wires, alligator clips, and a black box,’” Wolford said.

“I’m not scared of explosives, but I have respect for them,” he said. “If you see me running, it’s for a reason.”

The two NCOs let the rest of the group know of the suspected explosive device, a safe cordon area was established using M1A1 tanks, M-113s and Bradley fighting vehicles, and an Explosive Ordnance Disposal team from 766th Ordnance Company was called to dispose of the device.

The EOD team used a robot to survey the log.

“We call him Johnny Five,” Wolford said, referring to a robot from the movie Short Circuit.

Once it was established an IED was inside, the robot placed explosives on the log, and EOD detonated the device in a huge cloud of dust and debris.

The fireworks weren’t over yet.

Thirty minutes later, another explosion rocked the cordon area.

Someone triggered a second device across the median from the first one, as three Soldiers moved toward the exploded log to inspect it.

No Soldiers were harmed by the blast.

After a group of Bradley fighting vehicles secured the site of the second blast, regular traffic along the route continued.

If it wasn’t for the work of the Soldiers of 1/13 and 70th Engineers, the improvised explosive devices could have been used against coalition vehicles or personnel.

These soldiers made sure that didn’t happen.

“We did our job,” Wolford said.

Capt. Spencer agreed.

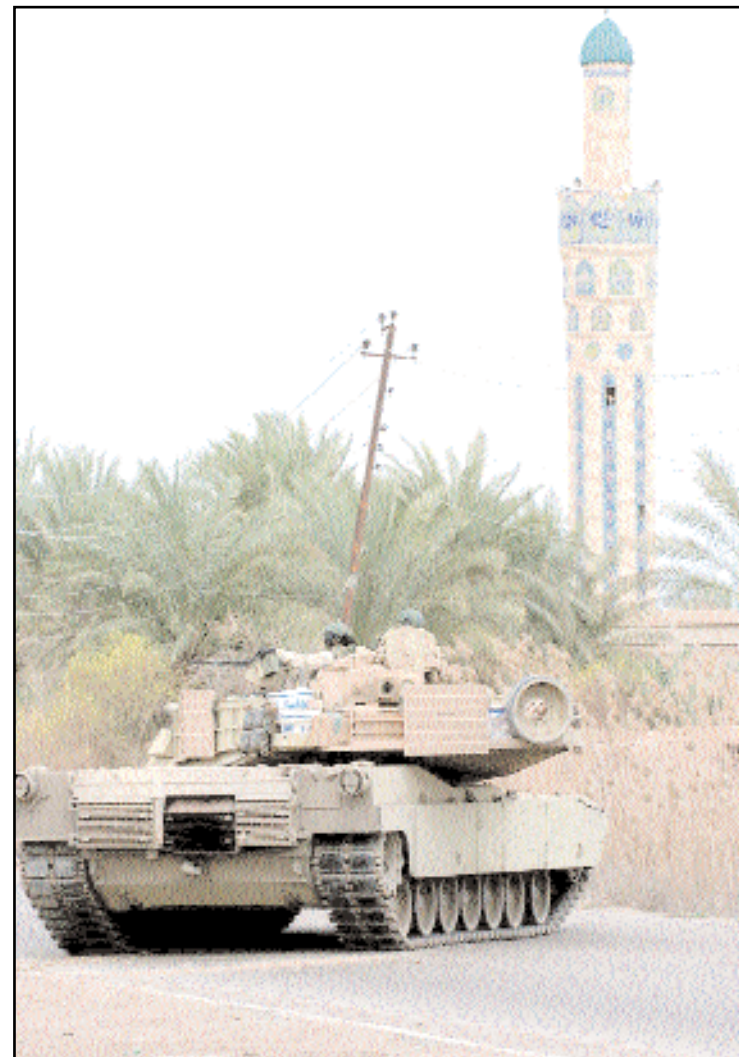
“It’s a very tangible mission,” he said. “Every day they go out and save lives.”



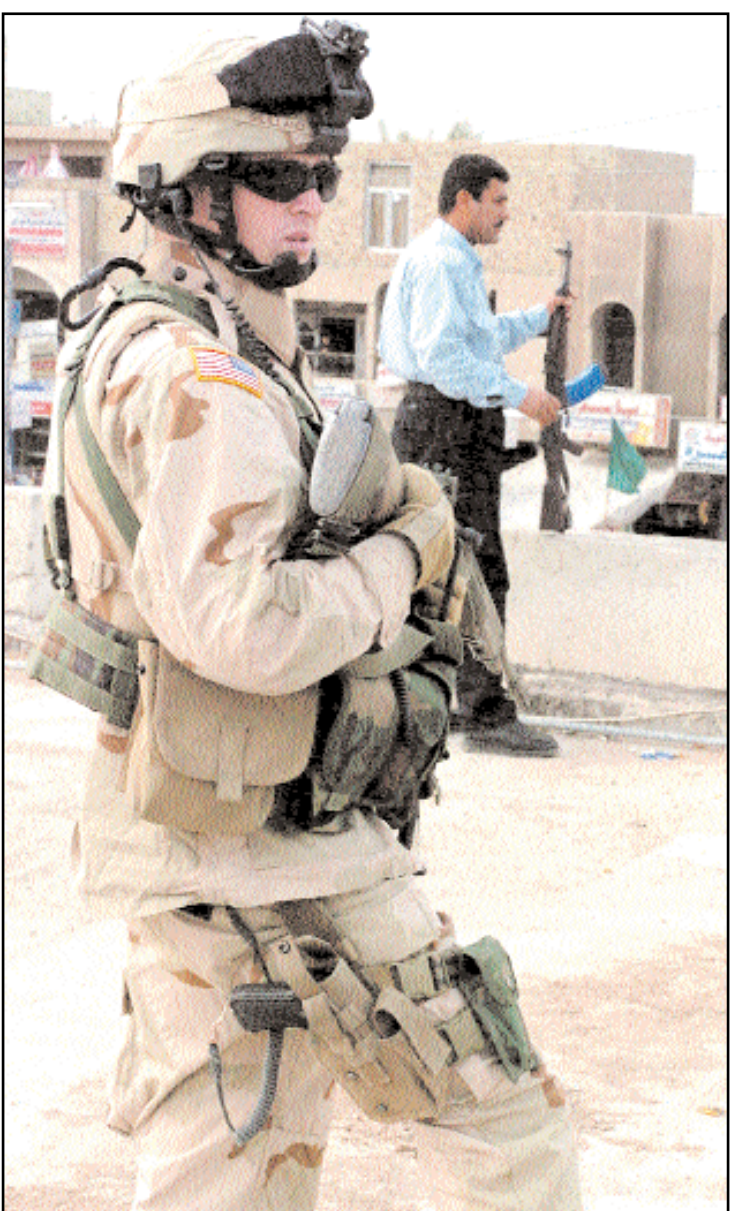
An Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal team detonates an Improvised Explosive Device found by members of 1st Battalion, 13th Amored Regiment in northern Baghdad. Minutes later, someone detonated a second IED a few meters away as Soldiers moved closer to inspect the detonation site.



Capt. Greg Spencer (right), commander of Alpha Company 1/13 Armored Battalion and Spc. Bladimir Joseph search through the wreckage of an exploded car bomb in northern Baghdad. Later, Soldiers in their company found an IED hidden inside a palm log.



An M1A1 tank of the 1st Battalion secures a road in northern Baghdad while an IED is destroyed near an adjacent bridge. The tank marked the edge of a cordon area set up to ensure Soldiers and Iraqi civilians remained a safe distance from the blast.



Staff Sgt. Daniel D. Gililland, sniper, Charlie Troop, works with an Iraqi policeman to provide security on the roof of an Iraqi Police station in the Sha’ab area of Baghdad while officers meet with Iraqi Police officials downstairs.

1/11th ACR patrols Baghdad streets

Story and Photos by
Spc. Matthew Wester
100th MPAD

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — “‘Wheels up’ is at 14:00!” an officer shouted to a group of troops who had gathered in a tight horseshoe formation

around a command Humvee.

The Soldiers, members of Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, were getting last-minute instructions, looking at maps, and checking weapons and vehicles to prepare for a patrol through the



Soldiers of Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment cordon off a lane of a Baghdad street in order to search a suspicious vehicle during a patrol through the Sha’ab neighborhood.

Sha’ab neighborhood of Baghdad.

This isn’t their first time around the neighborhood.

“We rolled out with 39th BCT (39TH Brigade Combat Team, Arkansas National Guard) every day, patrolling and doing right-seat rides,” said Spc. Anthony Munoz, a native of Phoenix, Ariz., and the driver of the commander’s vehicle during patrols.

“We took over the job and that is what we do now.” “We put boots on the ground, make contacts, and build rapport with the community,” said Capt. Loyd W. Brown, commander of Charlie Troop.

The convoy sliced through traffic, passed streets crowded with people and lined with furniture shops, food peddlers and apartments.

Their first stop was an Iraqi Police station protected by huge blast walls and vigilant Iraqi gunners on the roof.

“We go to each district, Iraqi Police and Iraqi National Guard station,” Brown said. “We share information so we can work together. They’re very good at doing patrols and taking care of the neighborhood.”

After meeting with Iraqi

Police, the troop moved on to a local apartment complex where hundreds of children swarmed the vehicles, asking for candy and wanting to talk with the Soldiers.

The kids were excited when a gunner passed out small Iraqi flag stickers and key chains.

The sun started to set as the troopers rolled out to their final stop — an ING bunker.

Brown consulted with ING officers and the Soldiers of Charlie Troop had some time to interact with their ING counterparts as they provided security for the bunker.

“We stop in to see what is going on,” said Sgt. Ugo Carlos a gunner from Santa Anna, Calif. “They’re a helpful bunch of guys.”

“So far I’ve been impressed,” Brown said describing the ING. “They’re a good source of information and an asset to any mission.”

“They just want to secure their country,” he said.

The Soldiers stayed alert as the patrol wound down and the convoy headed back to Camp Taji.

This was just one of many missions Charlie Troop will carry out over the course of their tour in Iraq.

Abu-Dashir neighborhood gets friendly 'make-over' from troops

4th Brigade PAO

CAMP PROSPERITY, Iraq — Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment and 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, teamed up with a local contractor to clean up the roads and repair a broken sewage pipe in Abu-Dashir Mar. 9.

The broken pipe was reported by the Soldiers earlier in the week after it began to spread raw sewage to the village, causing significant health hazards for the neighborhood.

The local contractor specializes in water pipes and cleaned the drainage ditches on the road, temporarily cleaning the sewage until a long-term project to reinforce the sewage pipes can be completed.

News about the sewage work spread fast and within minutes, more than 60 children surrounded the work site.

Soldiers distributed soccer balls and other items to keep the children away from the work so it could be done safely.

Abu-Dashir is located in the Al Rasheed district of Iraq.



The children living in Abu-Dashir gather around 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment Soldiers who were giving them soccer balls and other items. The Soldiers kept the children away from the local contractor fixing a broken sewage pipe.



Photos by Capt. Joe Buccino

A broken sewer pipe in Abu-Dashir led to the spread of raw sewage in the village posing serious health risks for the Iraqi people living there.



Soldiers keep residents busy while repairs are made.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CURVE AND WIDENING OF THE ROADWAY IS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS ON HIGHWAY 47 BETWEEN HIGHWAY 144 AND THE ENTRANCE TO GATE 3.

THE WORK WILL LAST ABOUT TWO WEEKS (WEATHER PERMITTING).

DURING DAYLIGHT, ONE LANE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS THRU THE CONSTRUCTION AREA WILL BE CONDUCTED BY FLAGMEN.

DURING NIGHT-TIME HOURS, THE ROADWAY WILL BE REOPENED TO TWO LANE TRAFFIC.

THE SPEED LIMIT IS 15 MPH AND IS POSTED THROUGHOUT THE AREA (DURING DAYLIGHT AND NIGHTTIME HOURS) AND IS ALSO DISPLAYED ON MESSAGE BOARDS.

THE SPEED LIMIT WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED TO ENSURE SAFETY FOR EVERYONE TRAVELING THROUGH THE AREA.

Injured ‘golden child’ helped by 256th Soldier

Spc. Erin Robicheaux
256th Bde. Public Affairs

CAMP LIBERTY, Baghdad — Throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom, U.S. Soldiers have seen what war can do to a country and it’s people. Staff Sgt. Jessica Kelly, from Lafayette, La., is reaching out to one local resident to help make a difference.

“He’s never going to walk again, but I just want him to be as comfortable as possible for what time he does have left.”

For the past two months Kelly, brigade surgeon assistant, has been working to get help for a 17-year-old boy who was injured at the start of the war. During the United States’ initial entrance into Baghdad, planes dropped shells during an air raid and the boy, whose name is Malik, was within range when one exploded. Shrapnel pierced his back and went into his spinal column, leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. When Kelly first examined him, he was also suffering from secondary complications to the paralysis.

“On our initial visit we (the medics) found him laying on a clay floor,” she said. “He had old bandages that were being washed and reused and he had horrible sores on his legs and hips.”

The medics gave Malik intravenous anti-

otics, cleaned his sores and changed his bandages. The sores were a result of lying on the hard floor and not being turned frequently enough. Kelly says they were the worst bed sores she has ever seen. Malik had a lot of tissue loss and bone was exposed on each hip. As Kelly and the medics left, she vowed to get help for him and his family and she promised them that she would be back.

She wrote her report and submitted it to her commanding general, who approved Malik as a “Golden Child” status. This meant that his case would receive special attention.

As the report was making its way up through the channels, Kelly did not put the family on the backburner while waiting for the decision. She made several visits to Malik’s family, dropping off bandages, sterile water and antibiotics for his wounds.

Recently, Kelly got the news that the approval had been granted to give Malik and his family \$2,500. She says that hopefully this will help them. Their home was destroyed during the air raids, so right now they are living in an abandoned school with three or four other families.

“Hopefully this money will get them out of the school and set up a little bit,” said Kelly.

See Child ————— **14A**



Spc. Erin Robicheaux
Staff Sgt. Jessica Kelly puts new dressings on an Iraqi boy’s wounds. Kelly, a civilian nurse and assistant to the 256th Brigade Surgeon, campaigned to get health care for the 17 year-old Iraqi boy. The boy was paralyzed from the chest down as a result of a shell exploding near him during an air raid.

Stewart dining facilities now open to family, civilians

Sgt. James Strine
Frontline Staff

Family members of military personnel and their guests, as well as Defense Department civilians and contract personnel employed at Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, may now eat in garrison dining facilities under recent policy guidance issued by Garrison Commander, Col. John M. Kidd.

Originally the policy only covered family members of E4s and below and DoD and Department of Army civilians. “This allows families and

civilians who may have never been on post a chance to experience the atmosphere here,” said Adna Chaffe, contract officer representative, food services.

Garrison dining facilities currently in operation are the 2nd Brigade, DIVARTY, DISCOM, and the 24th CSG dining halls on Fort Stewart and the Aviation Brigade dining facility on Hunter Army Air-field.

The Fort Stewart NCO Academy and Hunter’s Ranger Battalion dining facilities are excluded from this policy.

Breakfast is only \$1.90 and lunches and dinners are only

\$3.50. Meals are even cheaper for E4 and below.

“We’ve got a lot of positive reactions,” Chaffe said. “It’s a lot of pluses all the way around.”

Family members and authorized civilian/contract personnel must show valid military or civilian/contractor ID card, as applicable, upon entering the dining facility. An adult family member must accompany family members under 16, age 18 or older. A family member must accompany guests.

For more information, contact the installation food adviser at 767-8761.



Sgt. James Strine
All meals served at the dining halls display the calorie count for each serving.

Griffin Services — assistance just a quick telephone call away

Sgt. James Strine
Frontline Staff

In 2001, the Directorate of Public Works on Fort Stewart turned over the upkeep, care and management of post's infrastructure, not including family housing, the hospital and the National Guard area, to contract winners Griffin Services. When a Soldier or employee of Fort Stewart, has a problem with a building, their call goes to Griffin's work order desk.

For four years now, Griffin has been on the end of each call for work orders requested for the buildings throughout post — everything from replacing light bulbs to pest control, there is not much they do not handle.

To make their job easier they have installed a system where work orders come through a consolidated channel of repair officers who represent a building or office. However anyone can call a work request in. For Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, right now Griffin Services' satisfaction rating is at 99 percent.

"Right now, everything is well-oiled," said Geoff Pike, Griffin Services quality and safety manager. "Very, very few things slip through the cracks."

According to Griffin Services' performance work station, a standard operations procedures book that governs their procedures in concert with DPW, work orders primarily fall under three categories: priorities one through three. Priority ones are handled right away.

Things that fall under priority one may include gas leaks, water leaks, essentially anything that is potentially hazardous. Priority two encompass work orders to be

filled within 72 hours, and priority threes are handled within 30 days. However, Pike said priority threes are more likely to be filled within five to seven days.

There is also a fourth priority level that includes work to be done on a special projects basis, for example, upgrades to Soldiers living quarters while they are deployed.

Facilitating this system, and the heart of Griffin Services, are work order dispatchers. The dispatchers link customers' problems to a qualified craftsman. A customer who calls in a request may never meet the dispatcher, but the dependability of the craftsman lies in the capable hands of that dispatcher.

"Your contract is really only as good as your service order desk," Pike said.

At Griffin, there are four dispatchers and one lead. Two take calls on a general help line, and through Griffin's innovation, another two work directly in the two most popular workshops: the heating, air conditioning and plumbing area, and, the carpentry, locksmith and electrical shop.

When the dispatchers work in the shops, the management of the craftsmen is easier. According the heating, air conditioning and plumbing shop, Ashley Slane. Her counterpart in the carpentry, locksmith and electrical shop, Jane Nadolski agrees.

"I know where (the craftsmen) are at all the time," Nadolski said. "I can either pull them from a job, or the next morning I can put a job in their box for them to pull."

Pike says due to this innovation, work orders that may have taken up to 30 days to finish can now be completed in as little as five.

Nadolski was also the brainchild behind

holding a regularly scheduled meeting with offices' representatives, to streamline large amounts of work requests and to formalize a packet of forms that anyone can fill out and ultimately speeds the process. The plan worked so well that DPW adopted it and now uses it.

"It's awesome," said Staff Sgt. Patrick Logan, a repair and upkeep officer with 4th Brigade, 78th Division. "Once you get to know the chain, the work gets done."

At the main work order dispatch station, and at the shop level, dispatchers use a computer database system to track work orders and fax the information to the appropriate workshop.

"It's all very streamlined," dispatch lead Cindy Wise, said.

All sorts of calls come in for the shops to respond to.

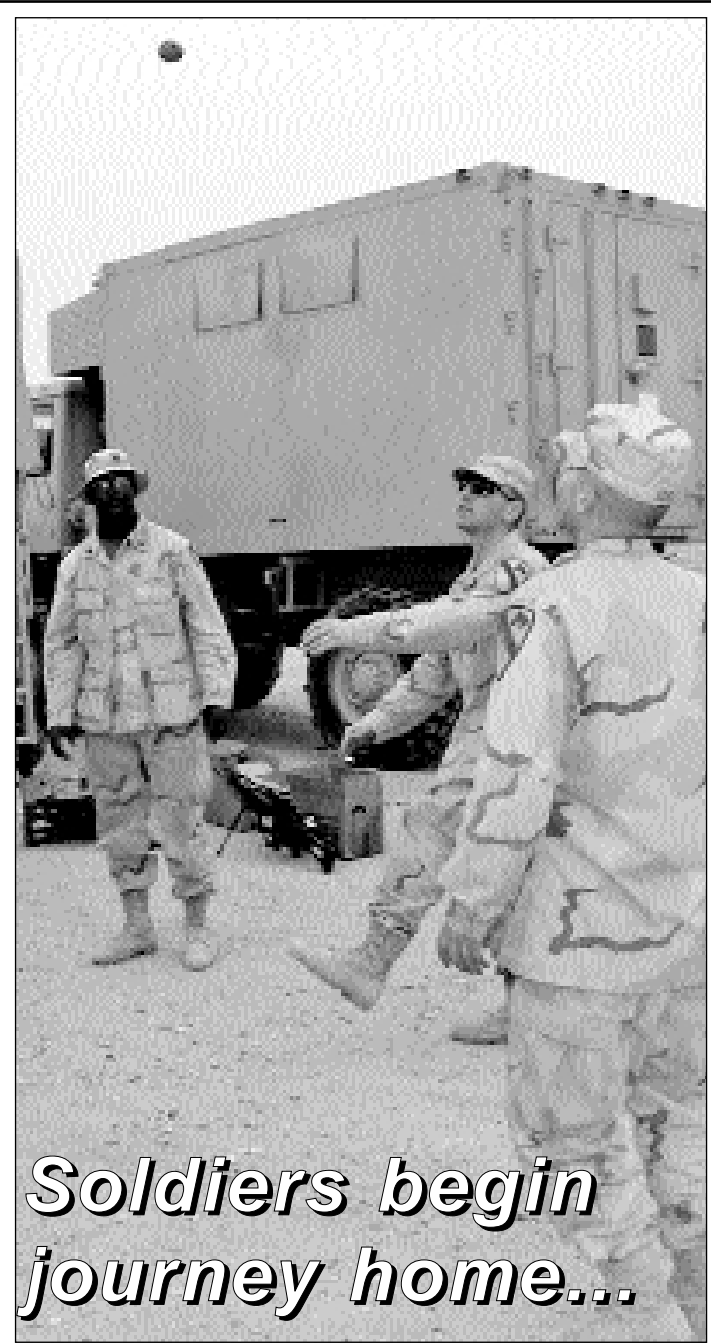
There are calls to remove animal carcasses or calls to do something as simple as change light bulbs. All a caller needs to describe is the problem and their building number. The rest is taken care of.

Dispatchers Janet Tootly and Christa Lastineger said they have heard it all. Tootly, who has worked with Griffin since 2001, said the strangest call she received was a call to remove a dead horse from building grounds. Griffin completed the work order.

"People are used to coming to us for everything," Wise said. "We rarely say, we can't help you."

Even if Griffin can't help, they refer you to someone who can.

To call in a work order, call 767-2883. Griffin also urges everyone to fill out customer satisfaction slips each craftsman offers after the job is complete.



Soldiers begin journey home...

Sgt. John Queen

Soldiers of 215th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division relax and enjoy a game of hacky-sac during a rest stop shortly after crossing the Iraqi border into Kuwait.

ASK THE JUDGE

TAKE – 1 FAMILY SUPPORT NEW GUIDELINES FOR 608-99

Ques. — What is AR 608-99?
Ans. — Army Regulation 608-99 explains the Department of the Army's policy, guidance and procedures concerning, non-support of family members, paternity claims, and paternity-related adoption proceedings. A summary is provided in this "TAKE-1".

Ques. — What is a Soldier's obligation under the regulation?
Ans. — A Soldier's obligation includes:
a) Providing adequate and continuous support for family members.
b) Complying with separation agreements, court orders and judicial orders or decrees.
c) Meeting financial obligations promptly.

Ques. — Who is responsible for ensuring that Soldiers are informed of the Army policy on support of family members and enforcing it?
Ans. — Commanders are responsible for ensuring that soldiers know about the policy and comply with it.

Ques. — If a Soldier fails to meet the requirements outlined above, what can the commander do?
Ans. — The commander can consider:
a) Making it a part of the soldier's permanent record.
b) Denial of reenlistment.
c) Punitive or other administrative action including elimination from the service.
d) A criminal charge under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Ques. — If the Soldier fails to meet the requirements, can the Army deduct money from the Soldier's pay?
Ans. — No. The Army has no legal authority to deduct money from a Soldier's pay without his consent unless garnishment or involuntary allotment has been ordered by a civilian court.

Ques. — How does the commander determine adequate support for family members?
Ans. — The Army prefers that a separated Soldier and spouse enter into a written separation agreement which specifies an agreed-upon level of support. If the parties cannot agree, they should revolve the matter in a civilian court and obtain a court order which specifies the amount of support. In this case, the amount of support is designated by the court controls.

Ques. — In the absence of a court order or agreement, how is adequate support for family members determined?
Ans. — In the absence of a court order or agreement, and until such an order or agreement is obtained, the Army has established minimum support measures for single and multiple family

Ques. — If I am the spouse of a Soldier in a single family unit (Husband and wife/husband, wife, and child(ren) and living off post, what is the minimum support I can receive?
Ans. — The Soldier will provide support of an amount equal to his/her Basic Allowance for Housing entitlements at the "with dependents" rate.

Ques. — What is the minimum amount of support that I can receive if we live on post in government housing?
Ans. — If the single family unit lives on post, the Soldier will provide an amount of equal to the difference between BAH at the "with dependents" and BAH at the "without dependents" rate.

Ques. — What happens if the supported family members move off post?
Ans. — When the supported family members move off post, support will be provided in an amount equal to BAH at the "with dependents" rate.

Ques. — If the Soldier's rank increases and it results in an increased amount for BAH, will I receive an increase in support?
Ans. — Yes. If the BAH entitlements increase so should your payments as long as the Soldier has not remarried or become duty obligated to support another family member.

Ques. — When a Soldier has separated and remarried and has to support multiple family units (2 families or sets of dependents) who live off post, how is the amount of support determined?
Ans. — In multiple support situations, the amount of support due to each supported family member is determined as follows:
Amount of Support — • BAH at the "with dependents" rate
• Total number of supported family members
However, the following conditions apply — First, any court ordered support will, be paid as stated. Secondly, sup-

ported families living off post will receive an amount equal to the difference between BAH at the "with dependents" rate and BAH at the "without dependents" rate for the Soldiers rank. Lastly, any remaining family members will receive a pro rata share of the BAH amount remaining.

Ques. — If my spouse and I are service members and there is not a court order or separation agreement, can I get minimum support under the new guidelines?
Ans. — No. Any Army service member is not required to provide a minimum amount of support to a spouse on active duty in the armed services.

Ques. — If I am a Soldier and I have custody of my children and live off post, will I receive a minimum amount of support for child support?
Ans. — Yes. A Soldier, whether or not receiving BAH based on the marriage to another soldier, will pay, at a minimum, prorated share of his or her own BAH at the "with dependents" rate to the Soldier having custody of the child(ren) of that marriage if the family is residing off post.

Ques. — What if the children are living in government housing (on post)?
Ans. — If the children are living in government housing, the Soldier will pay, at a minimum, an amount equal to the difference between the Soldier's BAH at the with and without dependents rate.

Ques. — Can the amounts of support provided by AR 608-99 be increased?
Ans. — Yes. Remember these guidelines were established to ensure that some support is received for the family members while you and your spouse obtain separation agreement, court order, or judicial decree stating the proper amount of support to be paid by the Soldier. once an agreement, court order or decree is obtained it is the controlling document.

Ques. — What if I have other questions or specific problems I want help in solving
Ans. — Consult the Legal Assistance Office 767-8809/8819.
Your lawyer can answer many questions and help you to make a fair and intelligent decision about your choices, options and alternatives.
Our legal assistance office stands ready, willing and able to assist you in these matters.



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Morale, Welfare and Recreation



Free Visual Car Inspection from MWR Auto Crafts

Sunday, 20 March in the
PX Parking Lot
at both Hunter and Fort Stewart

Auto Craft personnel will inspect wipers, lights,
fluids, belts & tires to make sure your car is in good condition.

Cooking Class

Sign up now for Spring Cooking.
Featuring Easter
dishes & Spring desserts.
Saturday, March 19th, 10:00am -
1:00pm, Club Stewart.
Sign up by March 17th.
Call 368-2212 for info or to sign up



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 19th, 10am
Ft. Stewart - Sports field behind School
Age Services.
Bldg. 6571, Call 767-4491/4493 for
more information.
Hunter Army Airfield - Child
Development Center; Bldg. 1284, Phone
353-7923. Bring your children to have some fun.

Easter Brunch

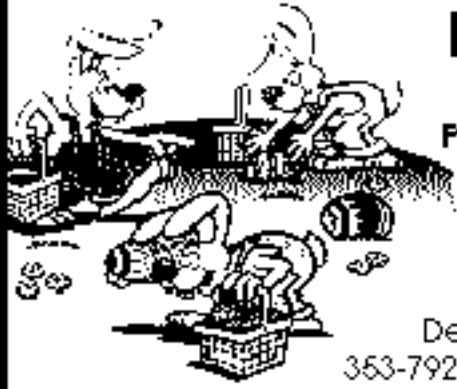
Sunday, March 27th - 3 Seatings; 10:30am, 12:00pm; 1:30pm

\$11.95 includes beverage. Age 9-12 eats for half, under 9 eats
FREE and kids will enjoy a visit from the Easter Bunny. Bring your
church bulletin & get \$1 off. Breakfast & lunch entrees in a
luxurious atmosphere. Club Stewart, call 368-2212 for reservations.
Hunter Club, call 352-7923 for reservations.

Special Olympics

Friday, April 8th 0730am-2pm

Quick Track, 767-5058, Volunteers Needed



POLICE REPORTS



- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, separate unit.
 - **Charge:** Assault consummated by battery.
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart.
 - **Subject:** Civilian, 42-year-old male
 - **Charge:** Driving on suspended or revoked license.
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart.
 - **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, 4th Bde.
 - **Charge:** Larceny of private property.
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart.
 - **Subject:** Family member, 32-year-old female.
 - **Charge:** Shoplifting.
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart.
 - **Subject:** Family member, 27-year-old female.
 - **Charge:** Driving under the influence.
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart.
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 37-year-old male, separate unit.
 - **Charges:** Speeding 54/40, driving on suspended registration, driving with no insurance.
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart.
 - **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, 1st Bde.
 - **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful use of amphetamines.
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart.
 - **Subject:** Civilian, 39-year-old male.
 - **Charges:** Speeding 62/40, driving while license suspended, expired registration, no proof of insurance.
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart.
 - **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, separate unit.
 - **Charges:** Wrongful possession of cocaine and the wrongful use of cocaine.
 - **Location:** Hunter.
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Avn. Bde.
 - **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana.
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart.
 - **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 1st Bde.
 - **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana.
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart.
 - **Subject:** Warrant Officer, 25-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
 - **Charge:** Dealing in firearms without a license.
 - **Location:** Hinesville.
 - **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, 1st Bde.
 - **Charge:** Drunk and disorderly.
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart.
 - **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, separate unit
 - **Charge:** Expired or revoked license.
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart.

Spring Bazaar planned

The Ft. Stewart Officers’ Spouses Club invites the Ft. Stewart community and the public to come celebrate spring at the semi-annual brunch bazaar Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Club Stewart.

Brunch will be served by Club Stewart from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Brunch is available to adults for \$8.95; children eat for a reduced rate.

At the bazaar over 50 vendors will display wares, including candles, jewelry, crafts, and toys. Many Ft. Stewart Family Readiness Groups will also be selling unique 3rd Infantry Division paraphernalia in order to raise money for their groups while the Soldiers are deployed. Admission to the bazaar is \$1 for adults and children are admitted free. Come support the OSC, a registered non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization.

Vendor space is still available. Call 876-6276 for more information or email *OSC Vendors2005@aol.com*.

For general information call 727-3733 or email *OSCBazaar2005@aol.com*.

New program sets records

WASHINGTON—eCYBERMISSION, a free, web-based science, math and technology competition for students in grades six through nine, announced today its final mission folder submission numbers for the 2004-2005 competition year.

The 04-05 eCYBERMISSION competition had a record breaking 1,151 teams submit projects on *www.ecybermission.com*, totaling 4,222 students from across the country and in Department of Defense Education Activity schools worldwide.

This large number of teams represents a dramatic increase from the 833 teams that submitted projects for the 2003-2004 competition year.

This completion rate of just over 60 percent is the best in eCYBERMISSION’s short yet brilliant history, surpassing a 51 percent completion in 2004 and 49 percent in 2003.

eCYBERMISSION is a one-of-a-kind competition, sponsored by the U.S. Army, that promotes self-discovery and encourages all students to recognize the real life applications of the science and math disciplines.

Each one of the competing teams is comprised of three to four students and one Team Advisor.

Each team identifies a problem in the community that is related to one of the following four themes: Arts & Entertainment, Health & Safety, Sports & Recreation or the Environment. Teams then compete online by developing Mission Folders that include a hypothesis, research and experiments, and a conclusion. Mission Folders are scored virtually by a team of judges from industry, academia and government.

3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

Bowling and Golf
Free bowling and shoe rental at Marne and Hunter Lanes, 1 — 5 p.m., the last Saturday of the month, for Soldiers and family members.
No golf fees at Taylors Creek and Hunter Courses from 1 — 5 p.m., the last Thursday of every month. Golf cart rental, \$7 per person for 9 holes or \$12 for 18 holes.

Road Closure
Ga. Hwy. 119 will be closed March 22 and 23 intermittently for training during this period.
The 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery, 3rd Inf. Div. (M), will be firing the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) here Mar. 22 - 23.
Safety precautions require the closure of all areas where the MLRS will be firing over.
The times for the road closure are 9 - 11 a.m., and 1 - 3 p.m. on Mar. 22 - 23, from the installation's northern boundary on Ga. Hwy. 119 to the intersection of Ga. Hwy. 144 West.
For more information, contact Military Police Operations, (912) 767-7540 or the Military Police Desk Sergeant, (912) 767-4895.

Shoes for tots
1/64 Armor BN is sponsoring a "Shoe for Tots" drive for Iraqi children. Shoes should be in mint condition, all sizes needed. Drop off point is at Battalion headquarters 1/64 Armor, Bldg. 524, William H. Wilson Avenue. Collection ends on

Apr. 1. Shoes can be dropped of anytime during that period. Point of contacts for this drive are B Co 1/64 Frg leaders Teri French and Maiké Seymour.
For more information, contact Maiké Seymour @ 877-7466.

Library
Read a Poem to Your Sweetheart — Schedule a 30 minute appointment to record a DVD of you reading to your sweetheart, from 1 to 8:30 p.m.

Easter Holiday Brunch
Club Stewart offers a Sunday brunch every week. The public is always welcome. On Easter Sunday, Mar. 27, there will be three seatings starting at 10:30 a.m., noon, and 1:30 p.m.
The price for adults is \$11.95 (\$10.95 with church bulletin); children ages 9 - 11, half price; and children under 9 are free.
For more information, or to make reservations, call 368-2122

Army Hooah Race
Soldiers, civilians, family members and friends of the Army are invited to participate in the 4th Annual Army Hooah Race Jun. 11.
The race starts at 7:30 a.m. in the metro-Atlanta area. Come and enjoy the fun.
For more information, call Sgt. Maj. William Bissonette at (404) 464-8228 or by e-mail at *william.bissonette@us.army.mil*.

Hunter

Tax Center
Tax Center is now open to assist military ID card holders prepare their tax returns. The center can file your return electronically, and arrange direct deposit of refunds. Preparers can assist while you wait, or drop-off your return, and pick it up when it is ready to file. The tax center is at the legal center, located in Bldg 1211, directly across from the Garrison Headquarters, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., weekdays.
For more information, call 303-3675/3697.

Fundraiser
The AER Fundraising Campaign runs Mar. 1 through Apr. 15. Your contributions help Soldiers and their families in financial need. See your unit rep to fill out a contribution slip or call AER Officer Doris Clark at 352-5301.

Road Closure
Gannam Ave., between Farie Dr. and Perimeter Rd., will close Mar. 21, due to construction. Wilson Acres residents may use Perimeter Rd. to access their community. Gannam Heights residents should use the Middleground Rd., and Gannam Ave. entrance.
Left turns are no longer allowed at the four-way stop at Perimeter Rd. and Gannam Ave.
For information, call the GMH Community Management Office, 459-2133.

DECA Scholarship
Commissary scholarship applications are due Monday and must be

turned in at the Hunter post commissary.
Children of active, reserve, retired or deceased service members can compete for merit-based awards up to \$1,500.
Dependents age 21 (or 23, if a full-time student) who will be attending college in 2005-06 are eligible.
You can find more information at Web site *www.militaryscholar.org*.

Leadership Skills Enhancement
LSEP leadership and software courses with Central Texas College are free to service members. Free to adult family members and DOD civilians on space-available basis. Classes meet for about three hours daily and are worth college credit. Upcoming courses: Effective Writing classes until Mar. 18; Personal Finance until Mar. 11.
For more information call 352-6130.

Flu Shot Program Expanded
Tuttle Army Health Clinic has a flu shot clinic each Thursday, from 1 - 3 p.m. Flu vaccine is available to all DOD civilians, service members, military retirees, and dependents.
For more information, call Preventive Medicine at 370-5071/ 5101.

Library, new hours!
The Hunter Branch Library is now open Tues. and Wed., 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Reference books, children's books, newspapers, magazines, videotapes, DVD's, internet access, books on tape, and more are available to soldiers and their families.

Winn /Tuttle

Troop, Family Care Medical Clinic
The new Troop and Family Care Medical Clinic will open Mar. 21.
Sick-call and other Soldier care usually provided at SFHC #3 will be provided at the new clinic. Services at SFHC #3 will be limited to sick-call Mar. 18 in preparation for the move.

Ready to Quit Class
If you're interested in quitting tobacco use, walk-in to a one hour Ready to Quit class.
You can register for the 4-week Tobacco Use Cessation program during this class or pick-up self-help materials to quit on your own.
Ready to Quit is a pre-requisite to the Tobacco Use Cessation program. The next class at Winn is 11 a.m. Mar. 23. The next Tuttle class is 11 a.m. Mar. 23. For more information, call Community Health Nursing at 370-5071 or 1-800-652-9221.

Walk to Winn Program
This 12-week walking program is designed to increase activity, water intake and fruit and vegetable consumption. Registration has begun and spaces are limited.
For more information, call 370-5071 to reserve your place.

Volunteer Orientation
The next mandatory volunteer orientation at Winn will be held 9 - 11 a.m. Apr. 7 in Patriot Auditorium. Volunteers are welcome and needed in a variety of capacities at Winn.
For more information, call 370-

6903 or send an email to *Brigitte.roberts@se.amedd.army.mil*.

Strategy for Staying Healthy
Upon completion of the class, individuals will be given an over-the-counter pharmacy card for use at Winn and Tuttle.
The next class at Winn is 2 - 3 p.m. Thursday. Tuttle's next class is 10 - 11 a.m. Mar. 24.
To register, call Community Health Nursing at 370-5071 or 1-800-652-9221.

New Tuttle Pharmacy Hours
The pharmacy is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday. Hours are 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 2 - 5:30 p.m. Thursdays. It is closed weekends and federal holidays.

Nutrition Display/Screening at PX
In observance of national nutrition month, a nutrition display and health screening will be available at the Hunter PX 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mar. 24.

EDIS
Military families with children up to 3 years old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services for a free screening. Services include home visits, occupational therapy, special instruction, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, vision and hearing screenings, family training, developmental screenings and assessments.
For more information, call 370-6370.

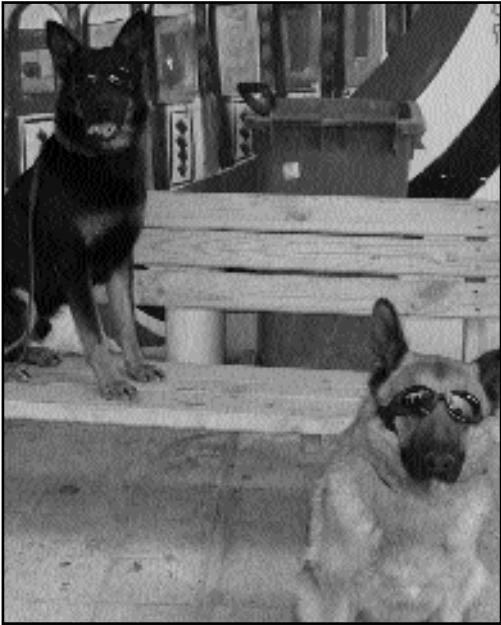
Fort Stewart MPs — serve, protect

2nd Lt. Megan Flynt
3rd MP Bn.

While many 3rd Infantry Division soldiers are providing stability in Iraq and abroad, the Military Police on Fort Stewart are securing the post with a newfound vitality. The soldiers of the 3rd MP Battalion are working tirelessly to ensure the safety of all family members, Soldiers, and civilians on post. Each day, 430 individuals work to provide safety and security for those living and traveling in and around Stewart. The MPs have a considerable amount of assets. AKAL Security Guards ensure that every person who enters the post has the appropriate identification and a valid reason to be here. The MPs work jointly with AKAL security guards on the Random Antiterrorism Measures Program team to prevent terrorist activities.

The Department of the Army Police officers are another group that works right along side the MP's. They patrol the roads, man the MP station, and run checks. Military Police Soldiers also work with man's best friend to form the canine teams that guard the neighborhoods and families. Soldiers from the bike patrol wheel around the housing areas to offer help, assistance, or just offer you a friendly smile. Traffic accident

investigators and MP investigators are on the job 24 hours a day to deal with any crimes on Stewart. The youth of Stewart reap the benefits of having Military Police Soldiers actively involved in the community. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program, teaches children to make positive life decisions and say no to drugs. It is taught by MP soldiers in Diamond and Britton Elementary Schools and Hinesville schools. Crossing guards assure children that even though their parents may not be around there is always someone in uniform to guard their walkways. The Military Police are making great strides to ensure that the people of Stewart feel safe. Always keep in mind that MPs are patrolling the housing areas, roads, and highways as guardians to assist, protect, and defend the community.



File Photo
Military Working Dogs are an important segment of the Military Force Protection plan on Fort Stewart.

Train

"Supporting the 48th BCT is one of the core missions of the 24th ID," said Maj. James Ball, G6 officer in charge at Fort Stewart, 24th ID. "They are one of the enhanced separate brigades that fall under the 24th ID. The mission is to conduct pre-mobilization operations, train the brigade to deploy to any location in order to conduct combat and/or stability and support operations, and re-deploy them to home station. We support the 24th ID staff with their automation requirements and we support the brigade by improving their communications abilities over tactical and administrative local area networks." "Communication is critical to any movement within the Army," said Chief Warrant Officer Jerlyn Allen, G6 Network Management Technician, 24th ID. She said the G6 works for the division commander by providing communication networks, laying out the groundwork for communications and helping to set up the network so individual sections within the division can perform their duties. Allen said the networks that were set up included a Non-secure Internet Protocol Routed Network for general usage and a tactical area communications network. Allen said her mission has changed since her arrival, but it remains something she takes great pride in. "The mission has evolved in such a way that we are now assisting A Company, 133rd Battalion (Signal), 48th BCT with Mobile Subscriber Equipment planning,

automation planning, network planning and oversight of their training." "During the evaluation of the 133rd's Mobile Subscriber Network, we found several training shortages," said Sgt. Maj. Patricia Decoster, G6 noncommissioned officer in charge. "We coordinated with Fort Riley's 331st Signal Company, 1st BCT, 1st ID, for two signal NCOs to extend a week here at Fort Stewart. The NCOs trained the 133rd Soldiers on multiple tasks. A few were troubleshooting procedures, crash recovery procedures, zone restrictions and authorizations, generating communications security lists and overseeing monthly COMSEC changes." Allen said the G6 has helped the 48th establish three networks, as well as assisted them in other ways. "We have given them guidance and information, and helped assist them with their exercises," Allen said. "We will also play a part in their Capstone (training). If there is something that they don't know as far as networking or automation, we will assist them with that." The Army Capstone Program teaches a unit to plan and train with the other units they will be aligned with when they deploy. It also allows the commanders to enter into cohesive planning and training associations with their designated wartime command. Allen added some Soldiers from G6

would be traveling to the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif. NTC is structured to replicate a deployment to an overseas forward operating theater, conduct operations within the theater, and redeployment back to a unit home station. "We want the 48th to go to Iraq fully trained and with all the equipment that they need," Allen said. "We assisted them in getting over 400 computers, servers, networking equipment, radios and other equipment that will really upgrade their mission capabilities. We will send them to school at Fort Stewart, or any other location in the United States, to be fully trained so they can go and perform their missions to the best of their abilities." Ball stressed the importance of preparing the 48th BCT as a part of the overall mission of the Army in the post-Sept. 11, 2001 world. "In today's world, communication needs advance rapidly," Ball said. "Technological improvements increase the complexity involved in encrypting and securing information. The Army is moving towards a digitized battlefield and critical information is always time-sensitive. Soldiers' lives and mission success often depends on our ability to communicate. We have the knowledge and expertise to train and pass on that knowledge to the 48th BCT."

Child

The children's father is elderly and unable to work, and the next son in line is 10 years old. It will be a while before he is able to bring an income into the house. The money from the 256th may go a long way to keep the family somewhat comfortable until the younger son is able to support them. A few days ago, Soldiers brought Malik a bed and restraints for his wheelchair to help him sit upright. Kelly also performed wound care and applied new dressings to his injuries.

She says that what she is most excited about, though, is that two local physicians are going to actually go to Malik's home, pick him up and take him to the paralysis center in Baghdad. There are many scenarios that could help give him a prolonged and better quality of life. One option is to take his leg, which is something that the doctors would obviously like to avoid. Ideally, they would like to do skin grafts and rehabilitation, but it is unsure how successful that will be. They are also unsure of

how much time he has left. "It's hard to say what his life expectancy is," said Kelly, "he could die within the year or live for many more years." She says that it all depends on the kind of care that he receives. Thanks to Kelly, Malik and his family are getting a second chance. She says that the gratitude from his mother and sister are more and more evident with each visit and that their reactions let her know that she and her fellow Soldiers are making a difference.

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Capture

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they're the ones that have the connections in the neighborhood to make it happen."

In the process of gathering the information, Hebert says that patrol leaders and their Soldiers are usually the best way to extract it.

"Many times a patrol leader will know the specific house and even have relationships with people in the area," he said.

Before the task force can go after the target, the personnel must make sure that they have enough information to identify that the target is, without a doubt, their man of the hour.

When the patrol executes the operation and makes the arrest, Hebert says that it's crucial that they gather the evidence needed to keep the insurgent in custody.

"Evidence collection and photographs are a big deal to the Iraqi government," he said, "they will take a photo of the weapon with the owner next to it above scientific evi-

dence any day of the week."

Pictures, along with sworn statements from the pertinent parties involved in the cordon and search, are the key to good evidence collection. Everything goes into a packet to build a case against the target.

Johnson says that the success rate of the 256th is steady.

"(In) about 60 percent of the targets that we (look for), we get the person," he said, "and just capturing the suspect in and of itself is a victory."

What is particularly significant and impressive, though, is the number of detainees who remain in custody and are further processed into Abu Ghraib Prison.

Brig. Gen. John Basilica, Jr., commander of the 256th Brigade Combat Team, praises his Soldiers and gives credit where credit is due.

"This is a direct result of the quality of the packets put together by the capturing

units," he said, "The Tiger Brigade has a better than 50 percent retention rate, which ensures these insurgents are off the streets for the remainder of our tour here in Baghdad.

A lot of times the patrol will execute a cordon and search, and the target in question is nowhere to be found.

Sometimes it happens, though, that they'll wind up arresting someone else connected to that target.

For example, the 256th conducted a cordon and search and targeted seven suspects.

They only arrested two of the targets, but also an additional eight who they were not specifically after, who just happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time, or, the right time for the 256th.

Even in the midst of tragedy, there are success stories.

On Dec. 3, 2004 an infantry scout platoon of Headquarters Co. 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, was on a

routine patrol on the lookout for suspicious activity.

They hit an IED and the attack wounded three Soldiers and killed Staff Sgt. Henry Irizarry.

The gunner on the truck in front of Irizarry's saw the triggerman and, along with air support and the quick reaction force, chased him and his brother, who was acting as a decoy, into a house and held them until they could be detained.

Once they had been arrested, the triggerman, Ziyad Hassin Ali Hammadi, and his brother, Falah Hassin Ali Hammadi, were brought to the Brigade Interrogation Facility to be questioned.

Now it falls into the hands of the Judge Advocate General's office and the Tactical Human Teams to extract information from the two insurgents. With the patrol's evidence packet, the process of keeping the killers of an American Soldier off of the streets has begun.



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Soldier spends 14 years with 10th Mountain Division

Spc. Matthew McLaughlin
10th Mountain Division

CAMP LIBERTY, Baghdad — In the “here today, deployed tomorrow” world of Fort Drum, N.Y., home of the 10th Mountain Division, there are a few unchanging facts of life: the winters are unbearably cold, deployment tempo is high and “Sergeant Shu” is with 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment.

Since enlisting April 1991, Sergeant 1st Class David J. Schumacher, platoon sergeant , B Co., 2/14 Inf., has been with the “Golden Dragons,” one of the most deployed battalions, in the most deployed division, since 1985. In fact, the last time 2/14 Inf. deployed without Schumacher was 1967 to Vietnam.

“The fact that he’s been in 2/14 for 14 years, that’s an oddity,” said Sgt. Todd Stoner, 2-14 Inf. “That just doesn’t happen.”

Schumacher, an Easton, Penn. native, arrived at Fort Drum in April 1991 as part of a cohort unit, meaning a majority of his company from basic training was stationed together at Fort Drum. The years passed and Soldiers came and went, but Schumacher remained at 2/14 Inf. even after all his fellow cohort Soldiers left.

“A lot of them got out around the same time,” Schumacher said. “I made a lot of great friends. I kind of had to make new friends.”

The 10th Mountain Division’s history of deployments, or rather the history Schumacher was a part of, initially prevented Schumacher from moving to a new duty station. His first deployment was a humanitarian mission to aid Floridians after Hurricane Andrew in 1991. He returned for a stabilization period only to deploy again in 1992 to Haiti. He deployed again in 1993 to Somalia, where 2/14 Inf. Soldiers aided Rangers under assault in the battle made famous by “Blackhawk Down.” His fourth deployment in four years, another trip to Haiti, sealed the deal for him. He was a “Golden Dragon” for life.

“It seemed like every time it came time to move, stabilization came up,” Schumacher said.

“If we’re not the most deployed unit in the Army, we’re close. The water doesn’t get stale around here.”

Eventually family life deterred Schumacher from reassignment. He met his wife, Robin Whitmore, a Brownville, N.Y., native. They married in 1993 and have two children, Michael and David. After seven years without a change of duty station, the Schumacher’s bought a house in Brownville in 1998. Regardless of a possible change of duty station, Schumacher said he will probably retire there.

“I felt it was a real comfortable place,” he said. “I would like to remain at Fort Drum. Who knows what’s on the horizon?”

More deployments were on the horizon for Schumacher after Somalia. He deployed to Bosnia in 1997 and Kosovo in 2001. He then deployed to Iraq in March 2003 and again in June 2004. His experience with 2/14 Inf. made him a living historian for younger Soldiers and Soldiers new to the unit, he said.

“Lots of people preparing for the boards come up to me and say ‘what year were we in Haiti?’”

Schumacher said many Soldiers told him experiencing only one duty station will hinder his career. He disagrees, crediting his multiple deployments with 2/14 Inf. as a strong reason why he will be promoted to master sergeant in April.

“Being deployed to so many theaters... I have so much experience now,” Schumacher said. “I saw all of it.”

His knowledge of combat situations isn’t the only benefit he has for his Soldiers, Schumacher said. Living at Fort Drum for so long made him a sort of North Country sage.

“I can tell them which hunting and fishing spots to go to, which bars to go to and stay away from, where not to buy a car,” he said.

As a platoon sergeant in Iraq, Schumacher’s experience continues to benefit him. Soldiers ask him often how his present deployment measures up to previous deployments.

“Sometimes a Soldier will say ‘hey, Sergeant



Spc. Matthew McLaughlin

Sgt 1st Class David Schumacher (right), talks with Staff Sgt. Jimmy Swanson after a patrol. Schumacher has served with 2/14 Inf. since he first arrived at Fort Drum 14 years ago.

Schu, does that remind you of Somalia?” he said. “I said ‘yeah that (rocket propelled grenade) was kind of heart warming.’”

Of all his deployments, Schumacher said this has been the hardest.

He and B Company spent most of the summer quelling insurgency in Sadr City, formerly a highly volatile area in Iraq. B Company lost five Soldiers, more than any company in 2nd BCT.

Despite all the hardships, Schumacher reenlisted indefinitely in November.

He also noted several Soldiers from his company reenlisted during the deployment.

“As rough as we’ve had it... we had five maybe six reenlistments,” he said. “That says something for what we’re doing over here.”

Schumacher has deployed more times as a part of the

most deployed battalion, in the most deployed division in the Army than any 2-14 Inf. Soldier. He spent more time in Iraq in the last two years than with his family and loved ones. Why does he do it?

“I can’t see myself doing anything else,” he said. “The things I get to do as a platoon sergeant you can’t find in any other job. Who else besides a Soldier would understand it?”

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